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June 1, 2015

The Honorable Thomas Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum through
Incentive Auctions, Docket No. 12-268; Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum
Holdings, WT Docket No. 12-269*

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

In 1993, Congress preempted state regulation of wireless entry and rates, establishing a uniform federal regulatory policy to foster a competitive wireless industry.

Since then, we witnessed a massive investment in wireless technologies that lead to wireless companies building out their networks, diversifying their products and adding new services at faster speeds.

Pennsylvania consumers reaped the benefits and today, the wireless industry is one of the most competitive and innovative marketplaces in both the Commonwealth and U.S. economies.

In order to preserve robust competition in the Commonwealth's wireless marketplace that benefit consumers through increased choices, lower prices, higher quality, and more reliable services, wireless carriers need critical spectrum – signals that deliver voice and data service to customers.

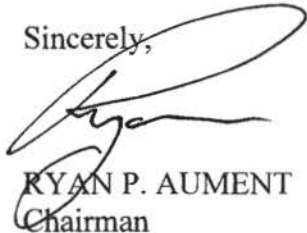
While the FCC is positioned to auction the most valuable airwaves for making wireless communication possible, safeguards that allow all wireless providers equal opportunity to secure critical spectrum resources in the upcoming 600MHz auction must be adopted.

With two of the nation's dominant wireless carriers currently controlling 73% of low-band spectrum in the United States, I am concerned that the proposed 30MHz spectrum carve-out is insufficient to allow smaller wireless carriers to remain competitive in future mobile broadband markets.

Therefore, I respectfully request the FCC to consider increasing the size of the reserve in each spectrum reserve market to reduce market concentration and protect consumers, governments and businesses from paying more for wireless service than they would if the market were more competitive.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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